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1. LOCAL ICAO ADIVSORY MISSION BELIEVES THAT QUESTION OF SURINAM'S ACCESS TO US (MIAMI) WILL SURFACE IN NEAR FUTURE AND UNDERSTANDS THAT SURINAM AIRWAYS LIMITED (SAL) HAS APPLIED OR IS CONTEMPLATING APPLICATION TO CAB FOR MIAMIPARAMARIBO ROUTE VIA JAMAICA, CURACAO, TRINIDAD, AND BARBADOS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM ICAO MISSION UNSIGNED COPY OF SUCH AN APPLICATION CARRYING A JUNE 1976 DATE.

2. IN DISCUSSING MATTER INFORMALLY WITH ICAO OFFICIALS, EMBOFF NOTED THAT REFAIR (WHICH IS LAST ITEM ON THIS SUBJECT WE HAVE FOUND IN OUR FILES) EXPLICITLY STATES THAT US DELEGATION TO 1974 US-NETHERLANDS TALKS ON CIVIL AVIATION GAVE NO INDICATION OF US ACQUIESCENCE TO SURINAMESE AIR SERVICE TO US POINTS AS WELL AS THAT THE THEN EXISTING US-NETHERLANDS AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT CONTAINS NO ROUTE RIGHTS FOR THE NETHERLANDS INVOLVING SURINAM. REFAIR ALSO REPORTS THAT NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE NETHERLANDS AS OF DECEMBER 18, 1974, ON A US PROPOSAL TO RENEGOTIATE US-NETHERLANDS AGREEMENT INTO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH THE NETHERLANDS, THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, AND "POSSIBLY SURINAM (AFTER INDEPENDENCE)."

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3. ICAO MISSION EXPECTS TO BE CALLED UPON BY GOS FOR ADVICE

IN THIS MATTER AND HAS INQUIRED WHETHER US POLICY AND INTER-PRETATION OF US-NETHERLANDS AGREEMENT REMAINS THE SAME AS THAT OUTLINED IN REFAIR. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO QUERY AND WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER THERE HAVE BEEN ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS MATTER SINCE DECEMBER 1974, IN PARTICULAR WHETHER ANY SAL APPLICATION FOR AIR ROUTE HAS BEEN FILED WITH CAB. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE COPIES OF US-NETHERLANDS AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT AGREEMENTS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE USE.

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